

Application No. 10/072,018  
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REMARKS

Claim Status:

Claims 1-27 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 12-17, 21-23 and 25-27 are rejected.

Claims 9-11, 18-20 and 24 are allowed.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 9-11, 18-20 and 24.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1-8, 12-17, 21-23, and 25-27 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by England et al., US Patent 6,327,652. In response, applicant's have currently amended claim 1 to depend from allowed claim 9; amended claim 25 to depend from claim 24, and amended claim 26 to depend from claim 24. Hence, claims 1, 25 and 26 are now allowable.

Since claims 2-8, 12-17, and 21-23 depend from claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and since claim 1 is now in condition for allowance, it follows that claims 2-8, 12-17, and 21-23 are also now allowable.

Claim 27 depends from allowable claim 26. Hence, claim 27 is also allowable.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have responded to each and every objection and rejection, and urge that claims 1-27 as presented and amended are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request expeditious processing to issuance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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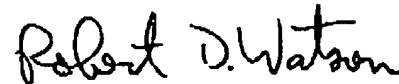
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